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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives in to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.



General Thura Shwe Mann shakes hands with Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, leader of Myanmar delegation to the 23rd Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Regional Border Committee.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

General Thura Shwe Mann sees off Myanmar delegation to Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Regional Border Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence together with members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence saw off Myanmar delegation that left here this morning for Thailand to attend the 23rd Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Regional Border Committee to be held in Chiang Mai.

The delegation leader is Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and it comprises Chairman of Mon

State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, senior military officers, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Ye Win, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe and officials of the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs.—MNA

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General Thura Shwe Mann sees off the delegation led by Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Accelerate cooperation for elimination of narcotic drugs

Myanmar regards the elimination of narcotic drugs as a national duty and is making all-out efforts to eliminate them through elimination of production and demand, law enforcement, community participation and collaboration with the international community. As a result, considerable success has been achieved.

To fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, Myanmar has always torched the seized drugs such as opium, heroine and stimulant tablets. As a gesture of hailing the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the 20th ceremony to incinerate seized narcotic drugs was held in the compound of Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township in Yangon on 26 June.

Opium, heroine, marijuana, stimulant tablets, chemical precursors destroyed at this ceremony only were worth over 148 million US dollars. Narcotic drugs have been destroyed for twenty times now and they were valued at over 14,809 million US dollars.

Narcotic drugs are a grave danger to the international community. Therefore, it cannot be solved by a nation or a region alone. Myanmar, on its part, is accelerating its fight against narcotic drugs in cooperation with her neighbours and other nations in the sub-region. Through information exchange with other nations, Myanmar has been successful in siezing narcotic drugs and arms, in extraditing drug traffickers to their respective countries and in destroying heroine refineries.

Liaison offices have been opened along the Myanmar-China border — in Lwe Je in Kachin State and Chin Shwe Haw in Shan State (North). There are also liaison offices in Myawady, Tachilek and Kawthoung along the Myanmar-Thai border and in Wan Pon, Tachilek Township near the Myanmar-Lao border.

The danger of narcotic drugs is an enormous problem. However, we believe that we can succeed in rooting it out from our soil once and for all through enthusiastic participation of the entire people in the 15-year drug elimination plan and increased cooperation with international organizations.



U Aung Sein-Daw Tin Tin Aye and family of No 235, 35th Street, Kyauktada Township, recently donated K 100,000 to the trust funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary of the administrative board U Maung Maung Gyi. — H

20th Anniversary Declaration

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Yangon Division honours prize-winners in anti-drug competitions

YANGON, 26 June — Yangon Division honoured its contestants who won the central level competitions marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office here this afternoon. Chairman of Yangon Division Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address at the ceremony.

He said, Myanmar believes that satisfying social needs, living standard improvement, knowledge dissemination are the main requirement for the opium farmers to quit poppy cultivation.

The commander invited more participants to the next year's competitions that helps realize the anti-narcotics goal.

Also present were Secretary of Yangon Division PDC Lt-Col Myint Kyi, Police Col Hla Min of Yangon Division Police Force, officials, local authorities, prize winners and parents and guests.

The commander and officials presented gifts to the winners in the respective categories and competitions. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents prize to a winner. — MNA

Minister inspects construction of Ponnya railway tunnel



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects earth work for construction of railroad through Ponnya Mountain and laying of railroad in the tunnel. — RAIL TRANSPORTATION

YANGON, 26 June — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min on 23 and 24 June inspected the construction of railway tunnel through Ponnya Mountain and laying of railroad in the tunnel.

Construction of the railway tunnel is part of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railway project.

The tunnel is 5,611 feet long and 85 per cent of the construction has been completed and laying of railroads is under way. Out of 130 bridges on the railroad, 125 have been constructed.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min yesterday inspected Hsinphyushin Bridge across Chindwin River and called for maintenance of the bridge.

During his tour of inspection, the Rail Transportation Minister also inspected Ywahtaung Locomotive Shed in Sagaing and Mandalay Railway Station. — MNA

Measures taken for proper drainage inspected in townships

YANGON, 26 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected measures being taken for proper drainage of culvert under Gyatawya Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Aung Than Win, Head of Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) U Bo Htay and officials reported on sanitation work.

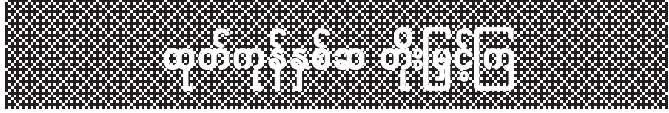
The mayor and party inspected drainage work along Waizayanta Road in Thingangyun Township, paving of Thumingala Road and repair of roads in South Okkalapa Township.

The mayor then gave instructions to officials concerned.

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Cambodian police officer burns marijuana and other drugs at the Olympic stadium during a drug destruction ceremony in Phnom Penh on 26 June, 2006. The Phnom Penh municipal burnt the bags of drugs to mark the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.—INTERNET



Japanese Co to turn oil palm waste to biofuel in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 June— A Japanese company plans to introduce a new source of biofuel to Malaysia, by utilizing the agricultural wastes of the oil palm industry, a newspaper report said Monday.

Felled oil palm trunks, empty fruit bunches,

fibrous fruit wastes and kernel shells can be converted into bioethanol which is normally added to petrol to power vehicles, local English-language newspaper *New Straits Times* (NST) reported.

Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Co Ltd recently sent an

investment team to visit Malaysia and is currently conducting a feasibility study scheduled to be completed within the next six months.

“If found feasible, we will build a pilot plant costing about three million US dollars by networking with a local partner from the oil palm sector for the commercial production of bioethanol,” the company’s spokesman told the NST.

Mitsui plans to build a pilot plant in the next two years and commence testing and trial operation by 2010, said the spokesman.

Meanwhile, he noted, the development and commercial production of biofuel from oil palm in Malaysia have so far focused on biodiesel which is suitable for diesel engines but not applicable to petrol-powered vehicles.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientist says US has duty to lead on global warming

LONDON, 27 June — The United States — the world’s richest and most polluting nation — has a moral duty to take the lead in tackling catastrophic global warming, instead of denying it is happening, a leading scientist said on Monday.

Addressing a meeting of international climate scientists and policy-makers, John Houghton, a former senior member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said urgent action was imperative.

“If only the US Administration could flip from denial to acceptance it could save the world,” he said. “If the Americans continue to do nothing then we have a big problem — therefore they must do something.”

US President George W Bush’s Administration has refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol on cutting climate-warming carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels.

Scientists predict average global temperatures will rise by at least two degrees Celsius this century, bringing floods, droughts and rising sea levels from melting polar ice caps.

“Whatever we do things will get worse from here, so we must act

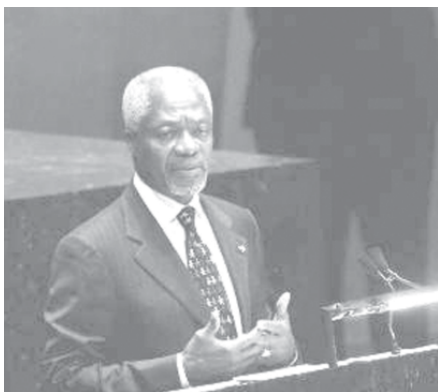
urgently,” Houghton said. “Instead of having droughts lasting a few months there will be droughts lasting a few years with devastating effect for the poorest countries.”

Houghton said developed nations had to take a lead in combating

warming because if they did not the developing world — particularly booming economies like China — would take no action.

“The developing world will follow the developed world,” he said.

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UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan speaks at the 2006 Small Arms Review Conference at United Nations headquarters in New York, on 26 June, 2006. The conference reviews the implementation of the UN Programme of Action against the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers charged in new Iraq shooting case

BAGHDAD, 26 June — Two US soldiers have been charged in connection with the shooting death of an unarmed Iraqi civilian, the US military said on Sunday, the latest case to come to light of alleged abuses by American troops. Specialist Nathan B Lynn was charged with voluntary manslaughter for the shooting on 15 February. He was also

charged with obstructing justice, along with Sergeant Milton Ortiz Jr, the military said in a statement. The US military is investigating three other cases in which several US servicemen are suspected of killing civilians and detainees in Iraq, including the killing of 24 Iraqis by US Marines in the city of Haditha on 19 November.

Twelve have been

charged with premeditated murder, which can bring the death penalty under military law. Lynn and Ortiz were charged with one count of obstructing justice for allegedly conspiring with another soldier who allegedly placed an AK-47 near the body of the mortally wounded man, the US military said.

MNA/Reuters



Students hold part of a 2008-metre painting completed by 1 million children from more than 200 cities on the Great Wall at the opening of the Beijing Olympic cultural festival recently. The painting expresses the children’s passion for the 2008 Games.—INTERNET

New York murder rate jumps

NEW YORK, 26 June — Murder rate in New York City has jumped 9 per cent this year, fuelled by increases in killings in every borough except Queens, according to the latest data from the New York Police Department (NYPD).

Though major crime is down 5 per cent across the city, 239 people have been slain so far this year, compared with 219

during the same period last year when the murder rate was at a record low.

Police officials said the rise in homicides is not a reason to panic or a signal that the city is becoming more like the early 1990s, when the streets were plagued by random violence and killings. “This year has seen the second-lowest number of

homicides in over 40 years,” said Deputy Police Commissioner Paul Browne. “The only year lower was last year.”

NYPD officials also noted that serious crime, including murders, rapes, robberies and felony assaults, has fallen about 22 per cent throughout New York in the last five years.

MNA/Xinhua



Sunita Williams looks out of a space suit during a training session in the Space Training Centre in Star City outside Moscow, on 26 June, 2006. Williams is due to join Expedition-14 in progress, to serve as a flight engineer.—INTERNET



A policeman stands in front of a giant poster promoting drug awareness in Guangzhou, China's southern Guangdong Province on 26 June, 2006. The annual International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking was marked on Monday. The Chinese character on the poster reads "drug". —INTERNET

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Mobile phone emissions excite brain cortex

WASHINGTON, 27 June — Electromagnetic fields from cellular and cordless phone excite the user's brain cortex adjacent to it, which may have implications for patients with some neurological diseases, according to Italian research released on Monday.

More than 500 million people in the world use mobile phones that emit electromagnetic fields (EMFs), known as Global System for Mobile

communications. Many studies have looked at the effects of EMFs on the human body.

Italian researchers, led by Dr Paolo Rossini of Fatebenefratelli hospital in Milan had 15 young male volunteers exposed to EMF signals from a GSM 900 cell phone for 45 minutes and checked the excitability of cells in their brain cortex before, during and after the phone use.

Results showed that in 12 of the 15 volunteers, an excitability change occurred in the cells of the motor cortex adjacent to the phone, and these cells

returned to normal condition within an hour after the exposure. The researchers reported their findings in the latest issue of *Annals of Neurology* published on Monday.

The cortex is the outside layer of the brain and the motor cortex is an area of the brain where movement is controlled.

The researchers said it would be premature to conclude that cell phone use is bad for the brain in any way, but it may affect people with neurological conditions such as epilepsy, which is linked with brain cell excitability.

MNA/Xinhua

Bolivia to sue ex-Enron execs for fraud

LA PAZ (Bolivia), 26 June—Bolivia's Government said on Friday it would sue former executives of US energy company Enron as well as ex-government officials for fraud in relation to a natural gas pipeline to Brazil built in the 1990s.

Among the approximately 40 people to be included in the charges are former President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada and several US citizens, Energy Minister Andres Soliz told a news conference in La Paz.

"The country has suffered one of the biggest frauds in its history," said Soliz, a key figure in the leftist government's 1 May energy nationalization.

Soliz said the state would seek to recover profits made by Enron and its subsidiaries in Bolivia, accusing the bankrupt US company of having paid bribes and illegally made profits from the natural gas pipeline.

Soliz alleged that Enron used irregular means to

make itself the owner of a 40-per cent stake in the main Bolivia-Brazil pipeline, which allowed it to charge for transport costs even though it never invested in the project.

He said Enron, which first arrived in Bolivia in 1994, carried out business deals in the country on the basis of a contract signed in Miami under US law but invalid in Bolivia. Sanchez de Lozada kept the dealings under wraps, Soliz said.

It is the latest in a string of accusations made by the government of President Evo Morales against Sanchez de Lozada, who has lived in the United States since his government collapsed amid bloody protests in 2003.

MNA/Reuters

Terrorists reportedly may attack London

LONDON, 26 June — Intelligence chiefs fear that terrorists would attack London or another Western capital with bombs, the *Sunday*

Telegraph reported.

Security sources disclosed that most intelligence agencies held that a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear attack (CBRN), using a so-called dirty bomb, is inevitable, said the report.

The warning came three weeks after 250 police officers raided the home of two Muslim brothers in west London, believing mistakenly that they were related to the making of a chemical bomb.

The raid followed growing concern among Britain's intelligence and security hierarchy that if a CBRN attack took place in the city of London, it would devastate the country's economy and severely damage the economies of Europe and America.

MNA/Xinhua

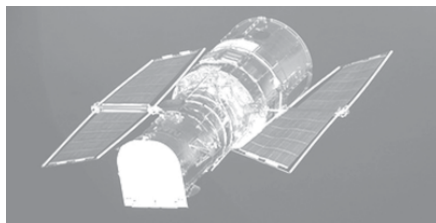
Pervasive follows Apple out of India

HOUSTON, 24 June—Pervasive Software, a US vendor of data infrastructure software, this week announced it closed down its software development subsidiary in Bangalore, India, citing complexity of management of the operation, and increasing employee cost and turnover.

Industry analysts expect a number of other small software development or services operations in India of multinationals to either close down or get transferred to an Indian supplier.

A number of foreign companies have set up operations in India which do not have the optimum size required to realize the savings of doing work offshore in India, said Siddharth Pai, a partner at sourcing consultancy firm, Technology Partners International (TPI) in Houston, Texas. Unless a company is doing work that is highly skilled or highly differentiated in India, it needs to have at least a 1000-person operation in India as the fixed costs for such an operation are high, he added.—*Internet*

Camera stops working on "Hubble" telescope



The Hubble Space Telescope is seen as the Space Shuttle Columbia, with a crew of seven astronauts on board approached on Sunday, 3 March, 2002, to latch its robotic arm onto the giant telescope. —INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 26 June— One of the main cameras on the aging *Hubble Space Telescope*, known for its unparalleled views of distant galaxies and infant stars, has stopped working and engineers are studying the problem, scientists

said on Saturday.

One of three cameras in the *Hubble's* Advanced Camera for Surveys shut down on Monday after indicating that power supply voltages had exceeded their limits, the Space Telescope Science

Institute said in a statement.

The exact cause of the problem and a potential fix were under investigation, the statement said.

The other two cameras were still operating and engineers were hopeful the problem could be fixed from the ground, an agency scientist said.

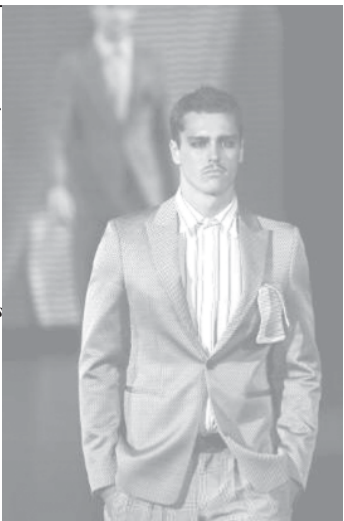
"At this point, the ACS is in a safe configuration and further analysis is ongoing," the statement said.

MNA/Reuters



100 national defence students in a full military uniform parade march past during their graduation ceremony held at the campus of the Xiamen University, Xiamen, southeastern China's Fujian Province, on 25 June, 2006. China on Saturday promoted 10 senior military officials to the rank of general, the official Xinhua News Agency said. INTERNET

A model displays a creation as part of Emporio Armani Spring/Summer 2007 men's collections during Milan Fashion week on 26 June, 2006. INTERNET





A Cyclone-2 light carrier rocket with a Kosmos satellite took off the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan on 25 June, 2006.—INTERNET

India pledges \$2m to UN peacebuilding commission

NEW DELHI, 25 June — India has decided to make an initial commitment of two million US dollars to the newly-constituted Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) of the United Nations established to help member countries recover from destructions suffered during conflicts.

In an official communique, the Indian Government on Friday said

India, as a member of the organizational committee of the PBC, has been constructively involved in discussions to set up and operationalize the PBC, which was established in December, 2005.

India had welcomed the proposal of establishing PBC which was mooted in the 2005 World Summit Document of the UN, they said. The PBC is an inter-

governmental advisory body to help countries in the process of post-conflict peace building, recovery, reconstruction and development, they added.

Highlighting India's contributions to the UN peacekeeping activities, the government said we are among the longest serving and largest troops contributors to the world body.—MNA/PTI

Russian missile troops to receive more "Topol" complexes

Moscow, 25 June — Russia will deliver more stationary and mobile missile complexes *Topol-M* to the Strategic Missile Troops, Deputy Defence Minister Alexei Moskovsky said on Saturday.

"The *Topol-M* complex is continuously included in the state order. Six or seven such complexes are ordered every year. The state programme provides for the increase of the number of *Topol-M* complexes, to be delivered to the Strategic Missile Troops," Moskovsky was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

"The development of the strategic nuclear troops is the priority task of the state armament programme. All that is connected with the strategic deterrence force is planned practically without deficit in the armament programme," he said.

As to the development of heavy liquid-fuel intercontinental missiles with multiple warheads, Moskovsky said, "All that enhances the efficiency of the strategic troops is being designed and will continue to be designed."

"Quality, and not quantity characteristics are important for the maintenance of strategic parity ... We should plan effective steps and take asymmetrical measures, in order to ward off the threats that may emerge in the future," he added.

MNA/Xinhua



A student of ESMOD Costume Design Institute shows her creation during a fashion show in Jardin d'Acclimation Park in the suburbs of Paris, capital of France, on 24 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Report says Americans live lonelier, more isolated lives

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Americans have a third fewer close friends than just two decades ago, a sign that people may be living lonelier, more isolated lives than in the past, the *USA Today* newspaper reported Friday.

The newspaper, citing a study in the *American Sociological Review*, said the average American in 1985 had three people in whom they could confide matters that were important to them, but in 2004, that number dropped to two, and one in four had no close confidants at all.

"You usually don't see that kind of big social change in a couple of decades," study coauthor Lynn Smith-Lovin, professor of sociology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, was quoted as saying.

Close relationships are a safety net, she said. "Whether it's picking up a child or finding someone to help you out of the city in a hurricane, these are people we depend on," she added. The study found that fewer contacts are from clubs and neighbours, and that people are relying more on family. The percentage of people who confide only in family members increased from 57 per cent to 80 per cent, and the number who depend totally on a spouse was up from 5 per cent to 9 per cent, the study found. If people face trouble in that relationship or if a spouse falls sick, that means these people have no one else to turn to for help, Smith-Lovin said.— MNA/Xinhua



A resident of Gulang-Gulang village in Sorsogon Province runs away with a boy as Mount Bulusan explodes with a massive volcanic ash cloud, recently. The Philippines put civil defence personnel on alert for possible deadly volcanic mudflows as a tropical storm began bearing down on the volcano that has been spitting ash for weeks.—INTERNET

German Parliament approves 2006 budget

BERLIN, 25 June — Germany's Parliament on Friday approved the country's budget for 2006 which included record-high borrowing for the country's federal budget.

After five days of debate, the 261.6-billion-euro (327-billion-US-dollar) package, the first drawn up by the grand coalition led by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, was passed with an easy majority in the Bundestag, or the Lower Parliament House.

But new borrowing, which totals 38.2 billion euros for the current year and is some seven billion euros more than last year, still incurred strong criticism from opposition parties. — MNA/Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts central Japan

TOKYO, 25 June — A moderate earthquake measuring a preliminary magnitude of 3.9 jolted southern Nagano Prefecture and surrounding areas in central Japan Saturday night, *Kyodo News* reported.

The 11:10 pm (1400 GMT) quake, which was originated from about 10 kilometres below ground, measured 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in the southern part of Nagano Prefecture,

MNA/Xinhua



The wreckage of a vehicle is towed after a suicide bomb attack targeting an Iraqi military checkpoint, which wounded two soldiers, in Baghdad, on 25 June, 2006. —INTERNET

The true story of the so-called 1988 generation

Ye Khaung Kyaw

Every student has a bright future. He can become an intellectual, a technocrat, a scientist or an academic. Today's youths who are being brought up within the environment of knowledge, wisdom and patriotism will serve the nation in the future. They are in the embrace of the government, parents and teachers nurturing and developing them.

All anti-colonialist struggles of patriotic nationalities, the organizations including YMBA that led the independence struggle, workers strike, peasants uprising and students activities were pure national politics to drive out the alien occupiers for independence.

As all those struggles were free from political, ideological, factional and power extremes, they were pure national political endeavours serving the interest of the nation and the people. However, various isms from the right and the left were spreading among Myanmar youths when the nation was about to regain independence. Everyone saw only their party and ideology as correct. They wanted to grab power just for the prevalence of their own ism. Power struggles became fierce without taking into consideration the interest of the public.

The people had to suffer from the internal strife because of the extreme passion for power, self-interest and ideology. People had to run for their lives and lots of public property and lives were lost, due to the armed insurgency. People were living in fear in black areas where insurgents ruled and brown areas where the rule of law could not be ensured totally. The armed insurgency lasted for a long time that only in about 1990 did armed groups return to the legal fold one after another making the Union a peaceful and secure place for the first time after internal strife began to break out in 1948. The neo-colonialists tried to bar the remaining insurgents from returning to the legal fold.

In addition, the neo-colonialists are branding those who wish to incite unrest and terrorism and break away from the Union as democracy activists and providing a large amount of dollars for them in implementing the schemes to help the persons who run away from the nation, and cause unrest and terrorism in the nation under the guise of democracy.

The prospects of a dark age loomed large in the nation because of sectorial and political divides and insurgency. Aboveground unrests broke out one after another. Leftists and rightists were creating commotion in turn and sometimes they both joined hands temporarily to cause an unrest to attack the government. Opportunists who joined the unrest burnt down cars and destroyed traffic lights and looted shops.

The split in ideologies, isms and groups led to struggles for area domination and public organization and power. In this way youths were divided by factions such as the Red Socialists, the Red Flag, the Burma Communist Party, the AFPFL (Clean), the Pa-ha-sa and the AFPFL (Stable). Because of their sectorial differences they became rivals. There were struggles for power and leadership within the student organizations including Ba-ka-tha, Ta-ka-tha, Ya-ka-tha and Ma-ka-tha. The ruling group tried to manipulate the entire students through the Students Union.

When the Revolutionary Council Government assumed the State duties in 1962, the Ba-ka-tha headquarters supported it. U Thein Pe Myint tried to set up a student body to organize all the students. A student organization "DSO" were trying to oppose the government as much as it could according to the policy of the AFPFL (Stable). Leaders of Tat-Oo student group, who were underground elements (UGs) of the BCP, were trying to erupt commotions in the nation.

During the pre-independence times, the history

of Myanmar youths were bright with struggles to oppose the colonialists and regain independence they launched with pure patriotism, nationalistic fervour and national outlook.

Youths were clean in their childhood days. When they were overwhelmed by any kind of colour, the colour is hard to be brushed away.

Youths became addicted to politics dangerously in a way they were addicted to drugs and love because of their surroundings, clever tricks of politicians, little political knowledge, or personality cult. Not only love but also drugs, politics and gambling could make a person blind.

Youths can be influenced by one of the above-mentioned reasons. **Some organized and used youths by flattering them that youths could not be underestimated as they knew more about politics than any other person. Even the so-called ghosts of the politics have to change political ideologies time and again, because what they thought correct first, proved to be wrong later. According to the words of advice of Shin Maha Rathasara, youths should accept an ideology only after studying it thoroughly and consulting about it with the learned persons. If youths accepted an ideology without any due consideration, they would fall prey to the political predators.**

If we study any commotion and unrest during the disturbances, we can see the trend more clearly. All the unrest occurred during the post-independence era had the hand of leftists or rightists or both. The ones who wanted to see an unrest were the neo-colonialists, national traitors who coveted power and extremist insurgents.

When the BCP (north east command) fell, the Tatmadaw got a video documenting the BCP activities during the 1988 unrest, and the report submitted by UG incharge Yebaw Tun (a) Bo Kyin Maung to BCP chairman Ba Thein Tin. The government showed it to all the school teachers and on the TV. The footage shows Bo Kyin Maung sending Yebaw Kyaw Mya to create disturbances, and the daily communication links between the two.

At the special press conference held on 5 August 1989, the State Law and Order Restoration Council explained with concrete evidences of the penetration of BCP UGs in many political parties to cause unrest and to grab power. The clarification was compiled into a book later. The book was published again and again that it became the highest circulation record holder of the nation.

On the page six of the book reads, "It was in January 1988 that BCP UG leader Tin Aung met with Dr Zaw Min, and Htay Thein, tutor of Myanmararsar Department, Yangon University. The meeting decided to revitalize the spirit of the student union, publication of announcement for setting up the student union, and to spread a student unrest if occurred like the one that caused by demonitization of currency notes."

On the pages seven and eight are as follows:

"The unrest broke out unexpectedly resulting from the death of Phone Maw on 13 March 1988. It was a correct moment and good opportunity the UG leaders were waiting for. The UG leaders made a decision to order their cells to make activities in many places as they wished to make use of the incident without fail and spread the results of the incident to Yangon University and other schools, without limiting Yangon Institute of Technology as the single base for all activities. The main characters in the movements were tutor U Htay Thein of Myanmararsar Department, Yangon University, demonstrator U Thiha Latt of Textile Engineering Department, YIT, Engineer U Tin Myint, Doctor Zaw Min who lived in the compound of Agriculture Research Centre in front of the YIT, and YU students Nyo Tun (Ba-ka-tha) and Khin Maung Yin

(a) Tin Aye (Ba-ka-tha)."

They made contacts with Moe Thee Zun, Min Ko Naing, Thet Tun (Lubaungthit) and Dr Zaw Min to incite the unrest."

"Through coordination, Tin Aung and Dr Zaw Min on 26 August 1988 published and distributed the propaganda pamphlet under the name of the All Burma Students Union, that featured a call for formation of a general strike committee and an interim government.

"On 28 August 1988, the All Burma Students Union was formed on the lawns of Yangon University with Min Ko Naing as chairman, Ko Ko Gyi as vice-chairman, Moe Thee Zun as secretary and BCP UGs Zaw Tun, brother of Dr Zaw Tun, Nyo Tun and Tin Aye as members.

"On the stage on the lawns of Yangon University, Min Ko Naing and party used political (leftist) words and expressed abusive language a lot levelling at the government. So, some simple students cried out, "Talk about just students affairs and stop talking about political affairs". Then, a group of BCP UGs took these students to the back of the University Library and fisted them".

With the assistance of embassies rightist countries, U Ye Tun, son-in-law of former chancellor Dr Ba Maw and husband of Daw Ohnmar Maw and brother-in-law of expatriate Zali Maw played an active role in the attempts to incite the 1988 unrest. The clarifications made at the special press conference held on 9 September 1989 were printed into a book namely "Affairs of traitors in Myanmar and those in exile encouraging own enemies". It carries conspiracies plotted by Ye Tun and embassies in collusion with renegades, aboveground axe-handles with the relying-on-west policy, to surrender the motherland to the colonialists.

Since December 1989, Ye Tun had plotted a scheme to rise against the government after forming groups of UGs. He had expatriate Zali Maw and Tin Myint Oo raise funds by collecting cash assistance from international organizations to provide cash assistance for the groups of students he had organized. Among the students exploited by Ye Tun were Min Zeya and Zaw Myo Aung. Bertil Lintner who was writing articles to tarnish the image of Myanmar, asked Ye Tun for help to meet students' leader Min Ko Naing. Officials from certain foreign embassies met and incited leaders of students.

In the daily paper "Our Cause" dated 8 August 1988, it was stated that MP of the US Senate Stephen Solarz arrived at Yangon on 4 August to launch instigation to worsen the unrest of Myanmar into a civil war. At 8.15 am on 4 August, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and three members arrived at the residence of the American ambassador and held discussions with Mr Solarz at the breakfast. At about 9 am the same day, leader of the students union Min Ko Naing and a companion arrived and held a private meeting with Solarz, who then met with President Dr Maung Maung, U Tin Oo, U Aung Gyi and U Nu.

It was the persons claiming themselves as leaders of democracy movements who exploited the students in the unrest but, after the 18th of September 1988 when the Tatmadaw assumed State responsibilities, they pushed the youths to the border lines and entrusted them to the insurgents so that the artless youths changed themselves into expatriates. Respective parents deeply felt inconsolable when they learnt about a news story that more than 80 girl students were arrested at a brothel in the neighbouring country featured in the Nation and the Bangkok Post newspapers. There, girl and boy students came to a dead end. Only some students who would be useful to the colonial schemes were brought to Western countries and helped become dollar-earning national traitors.

Therefore, the government had to open 27 reception camps and in October 1988 it invited the students on the wrong path for the reunion with their parents. Old expatriates and KNU insurgents resorted to a wide range of means to prevent the students from returning to the legal fold. Up to 7 March 1991, 3,859

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At the special press conference held on 5 August 1989, the State Law and Order Restoration Council explained with concrete evidences of the penetration of BCP UGs in many political parties to cause unrest and to grab power. The clarification was compiled into a book later. The book was published again and again that it became the highest circulation record holder of the nation.

Resident Representative of UNICEF calls on Information Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Shrestha this afternoon at his office in Nay Pyi Taw. Also present at the call were senior officials of the departments under the ministry. —MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha.

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Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award winning manuscripts in circulation

YANGON, 27 June—Sarpay Beikman Publishing House of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information launched sales of Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award winning books today. Copies of the books are available at Sarpay Beikman

Publishing House on Marchant Street, Sarpay Beikman Publishing House on the second floor of Yadanabon Zaythit Market in Mandalay and sales agents of Sarpay Beikman in Yangon and countryside.

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Jade, gems and pearl special sales...

(from page 16)
Gem Merchants Association display over 3,200 jade lots weighing over 7,600 tons, the largest jade display ever in Myanmar. Most of the jade came from Kachin State. Tender sales cover 2,862 jade lots, and competitive bidding, 356 lots.

“Gems emporiums are achieving greater success one after another, and they are winning the confidence of local and foreign merchants all the more thanks to the government’s assistance”, said

Secretary of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Managing Director of MGE U Thein Swe. “Direct dealings with foreign merchants lead to increasing the income of emporiums, thereby, benefiting local entrepreneurs in one way or another”, he added.

Member of the MGECC U Nay Win Tun (Padamya Naga) said, “The Head of State’s goodwill is to promote the private sector and ensure a worthy role for local merchants. And that is the reason behind the

U Nay Win Tun (Padamya Naga) has something to explain about precious stones.
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emergence of the present jade, gems and pearl special sales. Concerning his view, U Nay Win Tun,

also the chairman of the committee to form Gem Merchants Association, said “The sales may be hailed as local merchants’ success. We owe government a great debt of gratitude for the sales where we can acquire valuable experience in addition to profits as well as benefits.”

The government-sponsored sales is to promote the private sector, win more markets abroad, benefit local merchants and extend local market.

(Translation: TMT)



Jade lot No 2872 of Ruby Dragon Co. — NLM

Minister attends explanation on formation of joint-venture based on mutual benefits

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — A ceremony to explain formation of joint-venture based on mutual benefits was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 yesterday. Present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Science and Technology and for Labour U Thuang, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the deputy ministers, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises, managers, economists, entrepreneurs and journalists.

First, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, Ministers U Aung Thuang and U Soe Tha replied to the queries raised by private entrepreneurs. Afterwards, Minister U Aung Thuang made concluding remarks.

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Minister meets UN Coordinator

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — Acting resident representative of UNDP and Acting Coordinator of UN agencies Mr Onder Yuccr called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at the latter’s office today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and departmental officials.

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Foreign Minister receives Credentials of Resident Representative of UNICEF

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June— Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win received the Credentials of the newly appointed Resident Representative of the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) in the Union of Myanmar, Mr Ramesh Shrestha, this afternoon at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the ministry.

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Thai mily delegation visits Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 27 June — A goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Satirapan Keyanon and wife today visited Shwedagon Pagoda and Abhaya Labha Muni

Buddha Image here. At Shwedagon Pagoda, they paid homage to a Buddha Image in a prayer hall and donated cash through the members of the pagoda board of trustees.

They also made cash donation at the Abhaya Laba Muni Buddha Image in Mayangon Township and viewed White Elephants on Mindhamma Hill.

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Admiral Satirapan Keyanon and wife make a cash donation to the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Satirapan Keyanon and wife visit the Jade Buddha Image on the Shwedagon Pagoda precinct. — MNA

Coord meeting of Supreme Court held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — The Supreme Court held the 27th coordination meeting on judicial affairs in Nay Pyi

Taw yesterday with an opening address by Chief Justice U Aung Toe. The meeting was participated by deputy chief justice, judges and directors-general of the Supreme Court, state/division/district/

township judges and officials.

At the meeting, participants discussed judicial affairs in state/division/township courts.

The meeting continues today. — MNA

1,919 jade lots sold in four days

YANGON, 27 June — After today's sales of jade lots at Myanmar Convention Centre and greeted the

viewed the auction at Myanmar Convention Centre and greeted the

gems merchants. The special sales for 2006 could attract a

total of 2,369 gems merchants at home and abroad.

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Foreign gems merchants examine jade lots. — MNA

will continue till 4 July. Sales of the remaining 359 jade lots will continue through tender system.

Patron of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint



Local and foreign gems merchants buying jade lots through tender system at the Special Sales of Jade, Gems and Pearl 2006. — MNA

2,800 tons of palm oil arrives



MT Bergprai vessel carrying 2,800 tons of palm oil seen at Asia World Port Terminal in Yangon. — MNA

YANGON, 27 June — MT Bergprai vessel loaded with 2800 tons of palm oil arrived today at Asia World Port terminal.

Similarly, a 2,900-tonne shipment and a 2,750-tonne shipment are expected to arrive on 29 June and on 30 June respectively.

The government has imported palm oil from Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore to distribute the item to public at reasonable prices. — MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends physic nut plant growing ceremony of Yangon East District

YANGON, 27 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a physic nut

plant growing ceremony of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, the chairman

Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein presented commemorative pennants to Lt-Gen Myint Swe and

district has grown 7,215 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 7,000 acres. It is heartening to



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win formally opens the physic nut plant growing ceremony. — MNA

plant growing ceremony-2006, organized by Yangon East District Peace and Development Council as a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day which will fall on 3 July, held at model physic nut plantation in Industrial Zone (1/2/3) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning. Also present at the ceremony were Chairman

and members of Yangon East District PDC, local authorities, departmental officials, rector, medical superintendents, school heads, members of social organizations, Industrial Zone Management Committee, businessmen, townselders and students. Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win formally opened the ceremony. Yangon East District PDC

Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win. In his speech the commander said physic nut plants have been grown in Myanmar for many years. Its life span is up to 50 years and it can grow well on any kind of soil. Experts have estimated that oil resources in oil-producing countries are declining with the passage of time. That is why bio-diesel



The physic nut plant growing ceremony of Yangon East District in progress. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe waters a physic nut plant. — MNA

tributed physic nut plants to those present. After inspecting the booth of knowledge about physic nut-growing and machines for crushing

Yangon East District grew 8,657,796 plants on 7,215 acres of land in the second week of June. At today's ceremony 120,000 physic



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects a machine for crushing physic nuts. MNA

see that industrialists are also making arrangements to cultivate physic nut plants on their 4,800 acres of land, he added. Moreover, Yangon East District has cultivated 26,575 acres of monsoon paddy and 5,633 acres of summer paddy. In conclusion, the commander said service personnel of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and those from industrial zones responsible for production of oil from physic nut are urged to make cooperative efforts to meet the target of producing 700,000 gallons of bio-diesel per year.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein dis-



Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win watering a physic nut plant.—MNA

physic nut, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party grew physic nut plants in designated places.

nut plants have been grown on 100 acres of land.

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that is extracted from crops is now used to replace oil. Physic nut plant can be used not only for production of bio-diesel but also for medical purposes. The commander said plans are under way to grow 500,000 acres of physic nut plants in Yangon Division in three years. Senior General Than Shwe, Head of State, has given guidance that physic nut plants are to be grown as a national duty. Yangon East Dis-

Extempore talks to mark Myanmar Women's Day



Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint delivers speech at the extempore talks to mark Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

YANGON, 27 June — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, extempore talks to mark Myanmar Women's Day was held at Institute



Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint presents prize to Ma Nan Khan Lin, a second year student of Institute of Nursing. MNA

of Nursing (Yangon) this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint and CEC members, judges for prize committee, the Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO and members, the Rector of Institute of Nursing (Yangon), the Pro-Rectors, professors, heads of department, members of District and Township WAOs, members of Fire Brigade, faculty members, students, service personnel and responsible personnel.

First, Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint made an opening speech on the occasion. Daw Saw Hmon Nyin presided over the ceremony and explained about the extempore talks.

Dr Ma Tin Win, Daw Cho Cho Tin (Ma Sanda), Dr Than Nu Shwe, Daw Mya Mya Win (Retired Professor), Daw Khin Thein (Retired Professor), Professor Dr Daw Win Win Mya and Professor Daw Mo Mo Thant acted as judges in the extempore talks.

Next, the participants took part in the extempore talks with respective titles. Afterwards, Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint presented prizes to winners. — MNA

Medical equipment donated to Mandalay Women's Hospital

YANGON, 27 June — Under the programme of Grassroots Grant Assistance of Japan, Counselor of Japanese Embassy Mr Masashi Ogawa handed over medical equipment worth US \$ 82,430 to Mandalay Central Women's Hospital on 16 June.

President of the Supervisory Committee for Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Pyone Win attended the donation ceremony.

Daw Khin Pyone Win on 18 June delivered an opening address of the mid-wifery course organized by the supervisory committee for Mandalay Division MCWA and the division's health department at Mandalay Division MCWA's office.

A total of 22 trainees are attending the 6-month course. The opening ceremony was also attended by Vice-President of Myanmar MCWA (Central) Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint.

On 17 June, Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization conducted a physic nut planting ceremony to hail the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July at Yedaguntaung farm in Mandalay.

Over 2,300 people volunteered to grow 6,230 plants at the ceremony. — MNA

Meeting on sustainable development of East-Asia's seas

YANGON, 27 June — National Consultation Meeting on the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East-Asia was held here today.

It was participated by representatives of the departments concerned, the officials of NCEA, the representatives from Academic Universities, NGOs and representatives from Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East-Asia (PEMSEA).

In the morning session the meeting, Technical Coordinator of PEMSEA Mr Adrian Ross briefed on the background on PEMSEA and the Sustainable Development Strategy for Seas of East Asia.

Participants of the meeting also discussed SDS-SEA implementation in Myanmar in cooperation with National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) and PEMSEA.

This project is being participated by 15 countries including Brunei, Cambodia, China, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Timor Leste. The ten-year project aims at promoting sustainable development of the seas of East-Asia.

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(Hailing Myanmar Women's Day, 3rd July, 2006)

Sithway Magazine comes out

YANGON, 27 June — July issue of Sithway Magazine comes out today.

It includes articles and short novels of writers ShweUDAung, Thaug Wai Oo, Thu Maung and Teinkyar Minkaung, interviews with Actress Hsu Pan Htwar and vocalists, poems and cartoons.

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The cover of Sithway Magazine.

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HAILING MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY-2006:

The developing Myanmar women's sector

Tekkatho Mya Myintzu

Falling on the 3rd of July every year with full of prestige and auspiciousness is the Myanmar Women's Day representing over half the nation's population who are women deserving honour for their attributes including adorable characteristics, potency and the fine tradition of preserving the race.

The government always acknowledges the deserving role the Myanmar women have played alongside men in the national cause with efficiency and sacrificing spirit throughout the successive eras. Because the government's sincerity is the implementation of a priority project to develop the women's sector till becoming a national force enabling it to play a respectful part in building the country.

Being a Myanmar woman is lucky for there already exists in Myanmar society sound foundations for well-rounded progress of the women's sector and extra opportunities the government has provided for them.

Women enjoy full rights as men do in all the sectors of Myanmar society where sound foundations of mutual understanding, respect, sympathy, honour and consideration do flourish.

The formation of Myanmar society that is based on firm family system, but not on individuals, ensures equal rights for both the father and the mother to manage financial and other affairs of the family.

Equal rights Myanmar women are enjoying with their male counterparts are their inborn rights, a noble tradition the nation can take pride in.

As the government is making continued efforts for significant progress of the women's sector in the entire nation, women themselves are working

hard under the leadership of the Myanmar Women's Federation for the same cause.

In the successive eras of the thousand-year old Myanmar history and till now there has been the honourable role of women in serving national interest, developing the Myanmar society, nurturing and raising the future generation and discharging the historic duties well.

For all the women of the nation, the Myanmar Women's Day is a prestigious day honouring their noble traditions, attributes and fine work.

With due respect, the Myanmar society calls them Amyo-tha-mee (ladies) for they have their own nobility worthy of having their own part in the community.

The MWF objectives women mass will have to harmoniously realize are;

- to enhance the role of women in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to protect the rights of women
- to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to take measures for their security
- to instill and foster in Myanmar women a greater appreciation for their national, cultural heritage and customs
- to systematically protect women from violence and provide means for rehabilitation where necessary
- to diminish and finally eliminate trafficking in women and children as a national task
- to collaborate with international as well as local organizations, in ensuring the rights of women

in accordance with the traditions and customs of the ethnic groups

Not only do women enjoy equal rights, but also serve the community's interest in harmony with men. The nation has witnessed the emergence of noble women in various eras who protect the race and national identity, safeguard the nation and raise the nation's dignity.

Over 2.56 million women have already joined the MWF representing over 27 million female citizens or 50.3 per cent of the nation's population. More are applying for membership.

MWF's work to realize the objectives is in view of the genuine national interest and according to the principles — the first principle concerning the national cause that calls for serving national interest with unity based on Our Three Main National Causes; the second principle in connection with the nationalities is to give priority to amity, unity and respect among the national races; and the third principle pledging to help develop community peace, social standard and welfare and health, education and cultural sectors; and the fourth principle to develop the women's sector and protect women.

As MWF is a national level organization, it has sub-organizations throughout the nation. In addition to its normal duties, the federation is also serving national interest and undertaking welfare tasks. It is a single organization for women possessing patriotism, welfare spirit and nationalism to serve the national interest.

The government formed the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996 to ensure full rights to women and promote their rights according to the advancing time. The day was marked as Myanmar Women's Day.

MWF was founded on 20 December 2003 with lofty objectives to enhance the women's sector and serve the national interest. Since then it has been working according to its objectives, principles and goals.

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Ayeyawady Division USDA donates desks to primary schools

YANGON, 26 June—Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development Association provided desks to primary schools in Myaungmya and Kyaiklat Townships on 24 and 25 June in the presence of Central Executive Committee Member of USDA Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Headmasters and headmistresses of primary schools in villages in the townships accepted desks and chairs.

During his tour, Minister Col Thein Nyunt met with members of Ayeyawady Division, Myaungmya District, Pyapon District and Kyaiklat Township USAs and gave instructions on regional development tasks. — MNA



Ayeyawady Division USDA donating desks to primary school through the headmistress. — PBANRDA

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Tsunami workers shocked by state of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, 26 June— Asian tsunami relief workers touring New Orleans were shocked on Saturday by the devastation and slow pace of recovery nearly 10 months after Hurricane Katrina struck.

The relief workers were in New Orleans to share information about recovering from natural disasters.

"It looked a lot like Aceh six months after the tsunami," said Tom Kerr, the publications director of the Thailand-based Asian Coalition for Housing Rights.

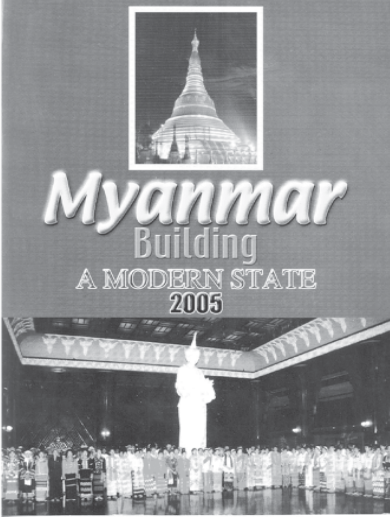
The tsunami, which hit near the Aceh region of Indonesia in December 2004, killed nearly

230,000 in the region and left more than 43,000 missing. More than 1,500 in Louisiana died after Katrina hit on 29 August, 2005.

Katrina flooded 80 per cent of New Orleans and only about half of the city's residents have returned. In the Lower Ninth Ward that the relief workers toured, many houses were smashed or knocked off foundations and few have been repaired.

Somsook Boonyaban-cha, director of the Community Organizations Development Institute in Thailand, said she was shocked at the lack of progress in New Orleans.

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Personal data of US sailors found on website

WASHINGTON, 26 June— US Navy officials discovered this week that personal information on nearly 28,000 sailors and family members appeared on a website, fuelling more concerns about the security of sensitive information belonging to federal employees, *The Washington Post* reported Saturday.

Five spreadsheet files of data, including names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of sailors and their relatives, were found exposed on a website Thursday night during routine internal sweeps of the Internet for sensitive materials, Lieutenant Justin Cole, a spokesman for the chief of naval personnel, was quoted as saying.

The material was removed from the website within two hours and there was no indication it was being used for illegal purposes, he said.

The potential security breach is one of several losses of important personal data reported in Washington in recent weeks, part of an unusual

string of thefts and Internet hacks that have compromised information belonging to millions of federal workers.

Five other agencies, including the Agriculture Department and the Energy Department, and the DC government have reported similar problems since the beginning of May.

The largest breach occurred on May 9, when a Department of Veteran Affairs laptop computer and external hard drive were stolen from an employee's home, a theft that officials said included personal information on up to 26.5 million retirees and active-duty personnel. There was no indication the thief was targeting the information, the report said.

In the Navy case, officials are unsure how the information ended up on an insecure website, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service is looking into whether the person who posted it was supposed to have access to the data, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

US hit by high number of fires

LOS ANGELES, 26 June — An unusually high number of fires have been reported in the US, particularly in its Southwest area, burning large areas of land, a research report said on Sunday.

Nationwide as of Saturday, officials have reported 54,686 fires, charring more than 3.2

million acres of land, the National Interagency Fire Centre said in a report available here on Sunday.

A series of fast-moving grass fires that roared through Oklahoma and north Texas this spring accounted for nearly a third of the acres charred so far, earlier reports said.

The figures "are the

highest in at least a decade for the same period", said the report. The 10-year average for this date is 39,240 fires burning about 1 million acres.

The unusually high number of fires suggested that a season of "historic severity" in forest fire has come, forestry experts said.— MNA/Xinhua

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The sun sets over the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur on 26 June, 2006. —INTERNET

US drafts plan for steep troop cuts in Iraq

NEW YORK, 26 June — The top US commander in Iraq has drafted a plan that projects steep reductions in the US military presence there by the end of 2007. *The New York Times* reported on Saturday.

Citing US officials with knowledge of a classified Pentagon briefing this week by General George Casey, the *Times* said the first cuts would

come in September, and the number of US combat brigades in Iraq is then projected to fall to five or six from the current level of 14 by the end of next year.

The withdrawals are greater than many experts and analysts had expected, the *Times* said on its website in a story to be published in its Sunday edition. The officials spoke of the Pentagon briefing on condition of anonymity, and some described the plan as more of a forecast than a hard timeline.

According to the newspaper, the plan envisions the first reductions coming in September, ahead of November's US midterm elections, with two of the 14 combat brigades there being rotated out of Iraq without being replaced. Such brigades generally have about 3,500 troops each, the *Times* said.

A 127,000-strong American force is serving in Iraq more than three years into a war in which about 2,500 US troops

have died.

The number of bases in Iraq would also decline as US forces consolidated, the *Times* said. By the end of the year, the number of bases would shrink to 57 from the current 69, and by June 2007 there would be 30 bases. By the end of that year, there would be 11, with the United States having three principal regional military commands: in Baghdad and the surrounding area, in Anbar Province and the west and in northern Iraq.

The withdrawals would depend on continued progress among Iraqi security forces and a drop in Sunni Arab hostility toward the new Iraqi Government, and assume that the insurgency will not expand beyond Iraq's six central provinces, the *Times* said.

Casey last year forecast a "fairly substantial" reduction in US troops this spring and summer if Iraq's political process goes well and progress is made in training Iraqi security forces.

MNA/Reuters

Philadelphia air terminals briefly closed in alert

PHILADELPHIA, 26 June — Authorities evacuated two terminal buildings at Philadelphia International Airport for about an hour on Sunday and flights were delayed after security workers spotted a suspicious object in a bag, an airport spokesman said.

The bag turned out to be harmless. The bag was going through normal X-ray procedures at a US Airways terminal at about 8 am (1200 GMT) when screeners employed by the Transportation Security Administration detected an item that was deemed to be potentially dangerous, said spokesman Mark Pesce.

Pesce said he had no information about what aroused the suspicion of the security screeners.

Airport authorities called the Philadelphia police bomb squad and evacuated about 1,000 people from the ticketing area of terminals B and C, Pesce said.

"There was some delay to US Airways departing flights," Pesce said.—MNA/Reuters



Indonesian workers work at a Astra Honda Motor factory in the outskirts of Jakarta, on 26 June, 2006.—INTERNET

5,000 British elderly patients die yearly due to lack of intensive care

LONDON, 26 June — About 5,000 elderly British patients die each year because they are denied intensive care treatment by the National Health Service after surgery, said the *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper.

A six-year survey of 4 million operations found that 85 per cent of the

most vulnerable patients do not get the intensive care that could save their lives or prevent serious complications, said the report. It is estimated that up to 5,000 frail and elderly patients die each year because they are not put in intensive care beds for monitoring after their operations.

The study also claims that 25,000 more suffer life-threatening complications because of failure in care. A medical consultant referred to the phenomenon as "a major public health problem."

The study confirmed the existence of a large population of high-risk general surgical patients, accounting for around 13 per cent of surgical procedures but more than 80 per cent of deaths.

MNA/Xinhua

Flash flood kills 11, leaves 15 missing in Hunan

CHANGSHA, 26 June — Flash flood triggered by relentless rains has killed 11 people and left another 15 missing in Shaoyang city in central China's Hunan Province on Sunday, local government sources said.

Heavy rain hit

Qingshan'ao village in Longhui County at 2:40 am on Sunday and continued for nearly 11 hours with the rainfall reaching about 250 millimetres, causing flash flood and mudslides.

The flash flood left more than 14 injured,

among whom four were in critical condition, and also toppled down 15 houses.

Hunan Vice Governor Yang Taibo has arrived at the site to coordinate the rescue operation and rescue crews are busy searching for the missing.—MNA/Xinhua

Arab officials ask for more Chinese TV programmes

BEIJING, 26 June — Senior officials from Arab states have called for more Chinese programmes to be shown on Arab televisions, complaining the dominant diet of Western viewing is obsessed with violence.

The Chinese culture was under-represented and books on China were rare in Arab bookstores and libraries, said Mohammed Khair Alwadi, Syrian ambassador in China, at a high-level China-Arab forum in Beijing.

Jordanian Minister of Culture Adel Tweisi said the media played a critical role in cultural exchanges between China and Arab countries. Films, tourism, literature and philosophy could help promote contact. Arabs had few opportunities to see programmes about the Chinese culture, history and development, or even to learn about China's special status in international trade, Adel Tweisi said. However, Western programmes, mostly about violence and crime, rather than those reflecting society and humanity, had occupied Arab screens.—MNA/Xinhua



A Swedish bomb disposal expert (L) examines an unidentified man who said he was wearing an explosive belt in a Stockholm suburb on 25 June, 2006. The suspected bomb was removed and police were preparing to question the man.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Australia's John Aloisi (R) attempts a shot in front of Italy's Gianluigi Buffon during their second round World Cup 2006 soccer match in Kaiserslautern on 26 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Ukraine beat Swiss on penalties

COLOGNE, 27 June—Ukraine beat Switzerland 3-0 on penalties to reach the quarterfinals of the World Cup on Monday after the two teams had played out a sterile scoreless draw.

Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko missed the first penalty but Switzerland missed their first three penalties before Oleg Gusev put Ukraine into the quarter-finals with the clinching spot kick. It was the first time a team had failed to score in a penalty shoot-out at the World Cup.

Ukraine, playing at their first finals, now meet Italy in the last eight in Hamburg on Friday.

Ukraine goalkeeper Oleksander Shovkovsky was the hero in the shoot-out, saving penalties from Marco Streller and Ricardo Cabanas, while Tranquillo Barnetta hit his shot against the bar.

Ukraine were not put off by Shevchenko's failure, Artem Milevsky and Serhiy Rebrov converting before Gusev finished things off. Coach Oleg Blokhin was too nervous to watch the penalties.

"After extra time I just told my team you have to settle this amongst yourself who is going to take the penalties." "I withdrew to the dressing room. I couldn't take it anymore," he told reporters.

"The teams were very equal. We just had more luck like Russian roulette," added Blokhin.

Switzerland go out of the competition without having conceded a goal in regular play.

"It's terrible. It's so sad to lose this way but football is not always fair," said defender Ludovic Magnin, reduced to tears as he contemplated their second round exit.—MNA/Reuters

Parreira joins criticism of Portugal win

BERGISCH GLADBACH (Germany), 27 June—Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has joined the criticism of the stormy Portugal-Netherlands World Cup tie, saying that no football had been played in Sunday's game.

"It's an example to be rejected," said Parreira on Monday.

"We came here to see football. Instead there were 16 yellow cards, four red cards and I don't think the ball was in play for more than 30 minutes.

"It was a very hard-fought game but the referee didn't curb the excesses of the players and there was no football.

"It was not the ideal game for the World Cup and we hope this will not happen again in the future."

Portugal, coached by Parreira's compatriot Luiz Felipe Scolari who guided Brazil to victory in the last

World Cup, won Sunday night's explosive second-round tie 1-0 in a game littered with violent play and gamesmanship.

In contrast, Parreira's own team have been one

of the best disciplined in the competition, receiving five yellow cards in their three first round games and committing six fouls in last week's 4-1 win over Japan.

MNA/Reuters



Competitors participating in the Ironman Triathlon start the swimming leg in Nice, southeastern France, on 25 June, 2006. Competitors will swim 3.8 km (2.4 miles), then cycle 180 km (110 miles), before finishing with a 42.195 km (26 miles) run.—INTERNET

Totti penalty rescues 10-man Italy

KAISERSLAUTERN, 27 June—Francesco Totti scored a penalty in the last minute of stoppage time to give 10-man Italy a 1-0 win over Australia in the World Cup second round on Monday.

Totti blasted home the penalty after defender Fabio Grosso had tumbled over Lucas Neill's challenge. Forward Totti, who came on as a substitute before striking the decisive final kick of the game, told reporters: "We suffered for long periods of the match but in the end it was the whole team that won this match because Australia were a strong side.

"Now I think we can go a long way in this tournament." Australian striker Mark Viduka summed up their mood. "I think we dominated the match for many parts and with an extra player it made it easier for us but it's a really bad way to go out," he said.

"They had their chances too but it was not to be. We're obviously happy

we've got this far but so disappointed to go out in the fashion we did."

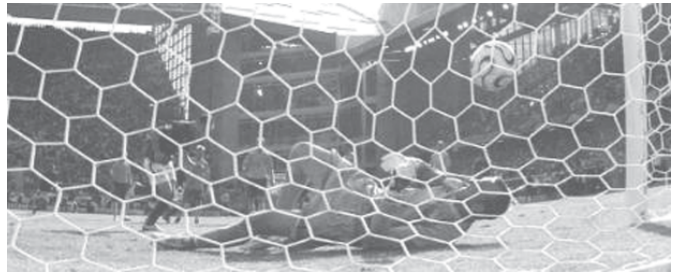
Italy, eliminated by South Korea in the last 16 four years ago, were forced on to the backfoot throughout the second half after being reduced to 10 men on 50 minutes, defender Marco Materazzi harshly shown a straight red by Spanish referee Luis Me-

dina Cantalejo for bringing down Marco Bresciano. His dismissal took the total number at the tournament to 24. The previous record was 22 in France in 1998.

A closely-fought first half was just shaded by Italy, although the Socceroos were far from overawed in their first knockout game at the fi-

nals, despite missing the injured Harry Kewell and the suspended Brett Emerton.

Guus Hiddink's side made a confident start, keeping possession for the opening two minutes in a patient build-up involving some 25 passes before Marco Bresciano's cross was nodded wide by Mark Viduka.—MNA/Reuters



Italy's Francesco Totti (L) celebrates after scoring past Australia's Mark Schwarzer from the penalty spot during their second round World Cup 2006 soccer match in Kaiserslautern on 26 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Australia left stunned by agonizing exit

MELBOURNE, 27 June—Australia was in a state of disbelief on Tuesday after the Socceroos' incredible World Cup journey ended in heartbreak.

A highly dubious stoppage-time penalty earned Italy a 1-0 victory over Australia in the second round, reducing thousands watching the game in public arenas to silence and even tears.

The atmosphere in Melbourne's Federation Square, the focal point for support of Australia's first World Cup campaign for 32 years, changed as the Socceroos had a quarter-final berth snatched from their grasp.

"That decision was a disgrace, we didn't deserve to lose like that,"

said chef Sean Bowyer. "It's just unbelievable."

Australian media focused on the crucial decision by Spanish referee Luis Medina Cantalejo, who awarded a penalty after Italy's Fabio Grosso tumbled over following a challenge by Australia defender Lucas Neill.

"The decision was absolutely disgraceful," former Australia coach

Rale Rasic said of the penalty on host broadcast station SBS. Australian newspapers lamented a defeat made more painful by the fact the Socceroos enjoyed the

better of the game and that Italy played most of the second half with 10 men following the sending-off of defender Marco Materazzi.

MNA/Reuters



Two Netherlandish fans wait in the stands before the World Cup 2006 round of 16 football match between Netherlands and Portugal in Nuremberg, Germany, on 25 June, 2006. INTERNET

Parreira says Ghana have nothing to lose

BERGISCH GLADBACH, 26 June—Brazilian coach Alberto Parreira has warned that Ghana would

be hard to play as they have nothing to lose.

He said that Ghana will play with little pressure having done superbly in the group stage, beating Euro 2004 semifinalists Czech Republic and 2002 World Cup quarterfinalists the United States.

"We hope to maintain our unbeaten record against African teams but we have to respect Ghana. They are good, and they have nothing to lose," said Parreira, whose team will play Ghana in the second round on Tuesday.

Parreira, who coached in the West African nation during the 1960s, added that Ghana has made great strides in football during the past years.

"Of their 23 players, 20 of them are based in Europe," he said.

"They've created an infrastructure and all these players in Europe has improved them technically as well as their knowledge of the game.

"They can no longer be described as naive, tactically they are organized.

MNA/Xinhua

The true story of the so-called...

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students returned home. Destructive elements were inciting unrest, and when arrangements were thus made to take actions, the participants fled to foreign countries. In this way, expatriates accumulated at Western broadcasting stations.

Internal and external destructive elements who were anxious to willfully hinder peace and stability and cumulative development of the Union of Myanmar incited youth students vulnerable to politics to participate in contests. When the strongest national force that protects and safeguards the nation and the people clamped down on the unrest, wicked politicians pushed active youth students to the camps of the insurgents at the border. They also exploited some students remaining in the country to destabilize the nation.

When the unrest was brought to an end in 1988, leaders of democracy campaigns living in their homes kept on pushing youths to the border. Among the youths, leaders of the students union Moe Thizun and Aung Din were pushed abroad. Then, the two were put into the pocket of Western powers. Min Ko Naing became the one responsible for inciting demonstrations in the nation. The BCP UGs would be the ones who knew best why they were in search of greener pasture after believing the Western democracy or if they were Trojan horses that associated with rightist groups taking advantage of the situation, with the intention of creating leftist domination one day.

Min Ko Naing was put behind bars due to his violation of laws. Later, the government set him free from the prison. Just after he was released, he said as if he would lead a peaceful life. But, his air and tone soon changed just after meeting with Western media groups. After he was caught in the trap of a prize awarded through a scheme by alien elements, Min Ko Naing began to copy the style of a democracy figure.

Being captivated by propaganda of Western elements, he tried to his best to win popularity through declarations issued under the name of '88' generation students, and interviews with BBC and VOA. However, he had no followers and supporters. No one would know his name unless VOA and BBC advertised his name. Whether invited or not invited, he attended the meetings and conferences held by politicians, and served as a political broker by arranging interviews and sending news stories to air fabrications through foreign media such as BBC and VOA.

Whenever there was a funeral of a politician, he attended it. While the corpse was being conveyed to the cemetery, he gave calls to VOA and BBC to make himself popular. He could recruit no followers. So, he said he would enter literary world

to win renown. But, his works could not draw any readers. So, he has to get in touch with Aung Zaw of the Ayeyawady Magazine being published by expatriates abroad.

He also approaches the representatives of Western media so that his name can often receive coverage in BBC and VOA. Min Ko Naing also suggested the NLD should not yield under any circumstances. He also called on the UN to intervene in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

On 17 March 2006, when the authorities concerned prevented Thet Naing Oo, 39, (he once served a prison term due to getting involved in a riot) of Bawga Ward in Kyimyindine Township, from urinating in front of the office of the township Development Affairs Committee, he used swear words and left the site. Then, he drank more alcohol and went back to the site bringing together with a knife. Then, he attacked fire service members with his knife, leaving two members injured. He fled the site and pedalled a trishaw and rode it away. So, trishawmen chased and struck him. He succumbed to the injuries in bed in the hospital the following day.

His funeral services took place on 20 March 2006. Min Ko Naing making a contact with VOA invented a story as through the fire service members and policemen had killed an ex-politician.

The funeral of Dr Thein Win, representative-elect of Kalay Township Constituency in Sagaing Division took place in Yayway cemetery at 11 am on 19 March 2006.

Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho and Zeya attended the funeral. On his way from the funeral, Min Ko Naing was fisted by a young man. Min Ko Naing and VOA exaggerated the incident and warned saying that '88' generation student leaders came under possible intended murders. In reality, the assailant was an NLD youth member who was of unsound mind. It is learnt that the offense was due to his anger with Min Ko Naing.

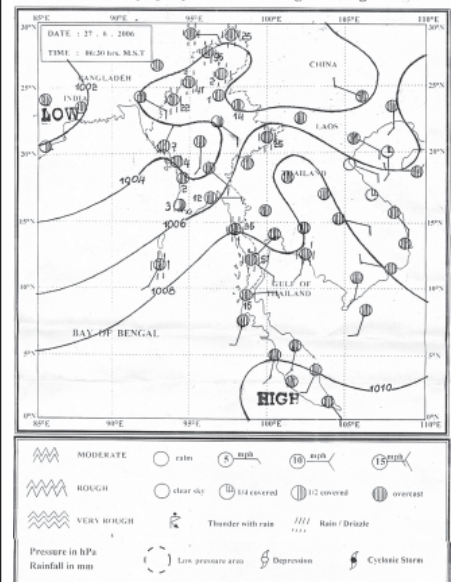
Min Ko Naing used to be a member of a cell of BCP UG Dr Zaw Min. Now, he is attempting to gain popularity, looking forward to awards of Western rightist imperialists (neo-colonialists), acting what he is asked to do and saying what he is asked to do. His future is becoming dim. He should have considered that a prey of a political hunter will become just the meat in the pot of the hunter.

There is a great difference between the fine traditions of old Myanmar students who fought the colonialists for regaining independence and the conditions of today's so-called '88' new generation students who are merely lackeys of the colonialists, national traitors and internal axe-handlers.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 27 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30

hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.78) inches, Katha (3.46) inches, Myeik (2.48) inches, Thaton (1.77) inches and Kyauktaw (1.65) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-6-2006 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 27-6-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-6-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 26-6-2006 was (0.6) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 27-6-2006 were (0.95) inch at Mingaladon, (0.82) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (25.24) inches at Mingaladon, (33.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.77) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 26-6-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally moderate in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-6-2006:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Shan, Kayin States and Bago Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar Waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Iranian President dismisses Western pressure on nuclear standoff

TEHERAN, 27 June — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday rejected growing Western pressure to give a speedy response to a new proposal on Iranian nuclear issue, the state television reported.

"We have been living under oppressive conditions for 27 years, Iran will not suffer any more from incremental pressure," Ahmadinejad said when he met Britain's new ambassador to Teheran.

On 21 June, the

President said that Iran would formally respond in mid-August to the package aimed at solving the nuclear dispute.

However, Western leaders said Iran would not need such a long time to respond to the "reason-

able deal", urging the country to accept the proposal in a few weeks or face international sanctions.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi called on Sunday on the Europeans and

the United States to be more patient over its formal response.

"We have to hold elevated discussions on the package, that's why we can not give a speedy response," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy and wife leave for home

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — The goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Satirapan Keyanon and wife left for home by air today.

Before their departure Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presented the documentary photo album and video tape for the trip in Myanmar to Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy at Yangon International Airport.

They were seen off at the airport by Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and wife, military officers and Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhivakaosal of Thailand and Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat.

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein bids farewell to Admiral Satirapan Keyanon. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presents documentary album and video tape to Admiral Satirapan Keyanon. — MNA

NLD has never served interest of nation and people

11 members of Dabayin Township NLD resign

YANGON, 27 June — Members of Dabayin Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division U Paw Shwe, U Kyaw Sein, U Pyae, U Kyaw Htwe, U Taik Gyi and Daw Nyo Nyo Thein of Letyetkon Village resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 6 June. Similarly, NLD members U Pyae and U Pwe of Letyetkon Village and U Paw Tin Saingpyin Village and U Taik and U Kyaw Ohn of Dabayin resigned from the NLD on 8 June.

They sent the copies of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission they said the NLD has never served the interest of the nation and the people. They said they had no trust in the NLD and its leaders and that was why they resigned from the NLD. — MNA

Jade, gems and pearl special sales

Article+Photos Thaug Win Bo

Lying on the over 10-acre compound of the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon are the jade blocks forming as the green lake captivating a large number of local and foreign merchants to the jade, gems and pearl special sales.

Quality gems and pearl lots also attract local and foreign merchants totalling 2,350 up to this date. The Centre was the venue where 1,453 merchants from 391 foreign companies of nine nations and 897 local buyers from 381 companies are taking part

in the special sales being held from 24 June to 4 July.

The sales which is the first joint undertaking of the Myanmar Gems

Enterprise (MGE) and the committee to form the (See page 7)



In the compound of the MCC a large number of local and foreign merchants inspecting jade blocks they wish to buy.

INSIDE

The government formed the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996 to ensure full rights to women and promote their rights according to the advancing time. The day was marked as Myanmar Women's Day.

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